Islam's Core Crisis: The Dilemma and the Contradiction

Introduction

Islam claims continuity with Judaism and Christianity. It affirms that the Torah and the Gospel were divinely revealed scriptures and that Jesus (Isa) was a prophet. However, it also denies the crucifixion, the resurrection, and the divinity of Christ. This creates a two-fold crisis for Islam: **The Islamic Dilemma** and **The Theological Contradiction**. Both are logical and theological tests that expose fatal inconsistencies at the foundation of Islamic belief.

This paper will present both arguments clearly and show how, taken together, they dismantle the credibility of Islam's core truth claims.

Part I: The Islamic Dilemma

1. The Qur'an Affirms the Bible

The Qur'an affirms the divine origin and authority of both the Torah (Tawrat) and the Gospel (Injil):

- *"Let the people of the Gospel judge by what Allah has revealed therein. If any do fail to judge by the light of what Allah has revealed, they are no better than those who rebel."* (Qur'an 5:47)
- *"And We sent, following in their footsteps, Jesus, the son of Mary, confirming that which came before him in the Torah; and We gave him the Gospel, in which was guidance and light..."* (Qur'an 5:46)
- *"Say: O People of the Book! You have no ground to stand upon unless you stand fast by the Torah, the Gospel, and all the revelation that has come to you from your Lord."* (Qur'an 5:68)

These verses clearly demonstrate that Muhammad affirmed the authority of the Jewish and Christian scriptures as they existed in his day.

2. The Qur'an Contradicts the Bible

Despite affirming the Bible, the Qur'an contradicts its central message:

- It denies Jesus is the Son of God (Qur'an 5:72, 112:3).
- It denies the crucifixion: *"They did not kill him, nor did they crucify him, but [another] was made to resemble him to them."* (Qur'an 4:157)

This directly opposes the New Testament, which teaches:

- Jesus is the eternal Son of God (John 1:1-14).
- Jesus was crucified, died, and rose again (1 Corinthians 15:3-8).

3. The Dilemma

Muslims are left with two choices:

A. If the Bible is uncorrupted — then Islam is false, because the Bible clearly teaches doctrines Islam denies.

B. If the Bible is corrupted — then Islam is false, because the Qur'an commands belief in the Bible and never claims it has been changed.

Conclusion: Either way, Islam undermines its own credibility. That is the Islamic Dilemma.

Part II: The Theological Contradiction

1. Islam's Claim of Divine Deception

Islam not only denies the crucifixion but claims that it was made to **appear** that Jesus was crucified (Qur'an 4:157). The implication is that **God orchestrated or allowed the deception** of billions over centuries.

This is not a minor issue: - The crucifixion and resurrection are the foundation of the Christian faith. - Every Gospel account, every early church martyr, every sermon in Acts is built on it.

To claim that God made it appear as if Jesus died — and let the entire world, including Jesus' own followers, believe it — is to accuse God of **authoring a global lie**.

2. Contradiction of God's Character

Both the Bible and the Qur'an claim that God is truthful and not a deceiver:

- *"God is not a man, that he should lie."* (Numbers 23:19)
- *"Indeed, Allah does not guide one who is a liar and a disbeliever."* (Qur'an 39:3)

But if Islam is true, then God: - Made it **appear** Jesus was crucified, - Let the disciples proclaim a lie for 600+ years, - Punished people for believing what He Himself caused them to see.

This is not just a theological problem. It is a **moral contradiction**.

3. Islam's Self-Refutation

If God deceived humanity about the most important event in history: - Can He be trusted at all? - How do we know the Qur'an is not another divine deception?

This undermines not just Christianity but **all revelation**, including Islam itself.

Conclusion: Islam turns God into a deceiver. This contradiction destroys its moral and theological foundation.

Final Reflection: One Crisis, Two Angles

- **The Islamic Dilemma** shows that Islam **cannot affirm and deny the Bible** at the same time.
- **The Theological Contradiction** shows that Islam **makes God a liar** to preserve its denial of the crucifixion.

Each one on its own is fatal. Together, they expose Islam as **a man-made system** built on contradiction, fear, and rejection of the Gospel.

But Christ said: > *"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."* (John 14:6)

The truth still stands. And the invitation remains: > *"Come now, let us reason together," says the Lord.* (Isaiah 1:18)

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